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C DI. PRINCE, MRS LIPKOVSKY, DSgt  
MASLUKOFF, DR. D. FISHER



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

C. I. D. REGISTRY

No. 1. O. D. 69

Central I. S. Division

Date

March 7th. 1929

Subject (in full)

Boris Butom

Made by

P. S. S. Makluevsky

Forwarded by

J. K. Givans A. B. Vol

Sir,

With reference to the attached report on Soviet activities in Shanghai submitted by C. D. I. Prince, inquiries show that Boris Butom, Russian Jew, suspected bolshevik, arrived in Shanghai from U. S. S. R. in December 1923 and stayed alone at the Crystal Hotel. In January he removed to 407 Avenue Joffre, where he intends to open shortly a jewellery store for the sale of jewellery alleged to have been confiscated by the Soviet Government in Russia. It is reported that Boris Butom held an important position while in U. S. S. R. but is not known to have been active since his arrival in Shanghai. The French Police have been informed of his present address and a further report will be submitted in due course.

B. Makluevsky  
P. S. S.

C. D. I.

Foreign Section

Is it in your opinion worth while sending the above report to the authorities?

A. C. (Pol)

Not in the meantime, something of importance might develop and then we could forward a more comprehensive report. 9/2/29

I agree

A. C. (Pol)

See Prince to continue as well. It is just as well that he should do so. Rev

A. R. D.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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C. I. D. REGISTRY

## REPORT

I.O. CHINESE SECTION: Station, No. 100 D. 109.....

Date FEBRUARY 28, 1929.

of (in full) Soviet Activities in Shanghai.

Made by C.D.I. Prince Forwarded by

A Russian Jew, Boris Bütom. (*Borise Bytman*),  
Soviet Commissar, arrived here recently from Vladivostock. He  
is at present residing at No. 407 Avenue Joffre. Under cover  
of a Jewellery Store which he is about to open he is taking  
up special work among Chinese Communists in Shanghai. Several  
other Russians, Soviet agents, accompanied this man to Shanghai,  
but their names and addresses are not to hand at present.  
(These I hope to get in the near future.)

A.C.P. Pol.

*C.D.I.*  
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Foreign Section,  
Have you any information on the  
above subject?

*JK*  
28 Feb 29.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
File No. 12-69
Foreign Section
Date: July 31, 1929.

Sir,

With reference to your query of 30/7/29 Boris Butom was first reported on in consequence of a report concerning him forwarded by C.D.I. Prince on February 28, 1929 and subsequent reports forwarded by the Foreign Section were made to complete his political history.

As regards his reported arrest in Harbin the C.I.D. of Central Station are concerned to the following extent:

On July 22, 1929 Mrs. Linkovsky of the Siberian Jewellery Store, 27 Hanking Road reported that Boris Butom between June 3 and July 22 had received jewellery, etc., to the value of \$4,000.00 from her, to sell on commission and had absconded. This property which had been pawned for \$2,140.00 was recovered on July 23 by the CID Central. Please see Crime Report No. 2100 July 24.

Other reports have also been received at Central against Boris Butom, which are mostly civil.

On July 30, 1929 D.S. Masinkoff interviewed the French Police who stated they heard Boris Butom had been arrested in Harbin but could take no action until a reply was received from a telegram which they had sent to the Harbin Authorities.

I recommend this report be sent to D.S. Masinkoff who is now working on the case.

H. Robertson  
D. I.

A/ D. C. I.

B.I.D. by  
Reference 'A' please find  
Crime Report No. 2100 of July 24  
21/7/29  
See above file.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Foreign Consulate Station,  
No. 6, L. 69

Date July 30, 1929.

Subject (in full) Fraud committed by Boris Butom.

Made by D. S. Ovsiannikoff. Forwarded by Thos Robertson C.D.I.

Sir,

With reference to the attached file information has been received to the effect that Boris Butom, owner of the jewellery shop "Geneva" 407 Avenue Joffre, who defrauded several Russian jewellery stores in Shanghai and absconded on July 22, was arrested in Harbin by the Harbin Police and is temporary detained in the latter city pending the arrival of an escort from Shanghai.

D. S. Masinkoff is conducting investigations in this case and I respectfully suggest that this file be sent to him for information.

*V. Ovsiannikoff*  
D. S.

*H.R. 30/7/29*

*A/D.C.I.*  
D.S. Masinkoff already knows this, and will submit a report as soon as he learns what the French Police are doing with a view to having Butom brought back to Shanghai. Butom was arrested as a result of a request sent to Harbin by the French Police.

*A.C. (Pol)*  
*How does this concern us. Report.*  
*30/7/29*  
*See*

A/ D. C. I.

## A MYSTERY OVER JEWELLERY.

**Russian Commission Agent Leaves Suddenly.**

**Said to be in Possession of Big Consignment.**

The Russian community, and especially that section of it interested in jewellery, was astir yesterday when it became known that Boris Butom, the owner of the jewellery shop, "Geneva," in Avenue Joffre, had left Shanghai. Boris Butom's custom was to take jewellery on commission, and dispose of same. In this instance it is alleged that he had jewellery to the value of about \$18,000 in his possession.

On Sunday last he called up Mrs. Lipkovsky, the proprietress of the Siberian Jewellery Store in Nanking Road, and informed her that he was going to Harbin to meet his wife, who had managed to get away from Soviet Russia. On questioning him with regard to the jewellery, he replied that he would try to sell it and, if unsuccessful, would return it the following day.

Getting uneasy owing to not having heard anything until late in the afternoon, Mrs. Lipkovsky telephoned to the shop, only to be told that Mr. Butom had left early on Monday morning for Harbin by train.

Steps were immediately taken to stop the man, and telegrams were despatched in all directions, but so far no news has been received.

The French police have sealed the shop, and a thorough investigation was made to-day.

Dr. O. Fischer is watching Mrs. Lipkovsky's interests.

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For Sec.  
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Lca

POLITICAL BRANCH  
(FOREIGN SECTION)  
DATE 27.7.29